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The Applicant respectfully submits that the attached references neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the pending application is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which needs attention, and if the Examiner feels that consultation with the applicant's attorney, the undersigned herein, would be of value, then such consultation would be welcome. The applicant's attorney can be reached at the phone number noted below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington, this  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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